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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3641
JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL.) Examiner: Thomson, Michelle
Serial No.: 09/998,814)
Filed: October 21, 2001)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN)
POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION)

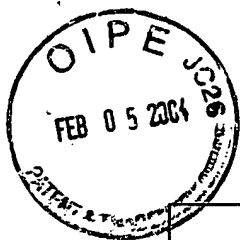
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Sir:

With prosecution in the above-noted application being closed (by way of a Final Office Action dated September 8, 2003), the Applicants hereby request continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h).

Transmitted herewith is a "submission" in the form of an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action. **IMPORTANT:** the Applicants hereby request that the previously-filed Amendment After Final, dated December 8, 2003, which was not entered by the Examiner (see Advisory Action dated January 6, 2004), not be entered. Instead, the Applicants request that the presently-filed Amendment be entered.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.



FEE CALCULATION

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
FEE FOR RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) -----						\$770.00
Total Claims	6	Minus	21	x	\$18.00 =	\$ -0-
Independent Claims	4	Minus	8	x	\$86.00 =	\$ -0-
Total Fees -----						\$770.00

A check in the amount of \$770.00 is attached.

Also attached hereto is a petition for a two month extension of term, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the term for filing the present RCE and amendment to and including February 9, 2004.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2622. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL.)	Examiner: Thomson, Michelle
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

By way of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, reconsideration of the present application is requested in light of the following. The Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of term, attached hereto, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the term for filing the present Amendment and RCE to and including February 9, 2004.